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Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2003

1. Call to Order

Chairman David Alfano called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Members Attending:

Chairman David Alfano, Michael Barnes, Robert Cronin, Mike Harding, Marc Hershman, Karyl Matsumoto, Mark Meadows, and Dennis Coleman sitting in for Deborah Ruddock.

Staff/Guest Attending:

Walter Martone and Geoff Kline - C/CAG Staff; Richard Moore; Howard Young – Portola Valley; Dani Weber – Mid Peninsula Bicycle and Pedestrian Coalition.

2. Public Comments On Items Not On The Agenda

- Mo Sharma reported that the City of Daly City has established a formal bicycle committee.
- Dani Weber reported that the Mid Peninsula Bicycle and Pedestrian Coalition has set up a new incident report page on its web site. It can be accessed at www.penbikeped.org.
- Staff was requested to arrange for a presentation by the City of Menlo Park on their Bike To Work Week program.

3. Minutes of August 22, 2002 meeting.

Committee Member Matsumoto MOVED the approval of the minutes. Committee Member Hershman SECONDED. MOTION PASSD unanimously.

4. Consideration of specific recommendations for the design phase for the BART/SAMTRANS bikeways project.

A subcommittee Chaired by Robert Cronin and including Mark Meadows, Mike Harding, Matt Grocott, Colleen Jordan, and Sue Lempert met and developed recommendations for consideration by the full BPAC. The results of that meeting were included in the packet. After the recommendations were reviewed in detail there were questions and answers. It was pointed out that the City of Millbrae is currently studying possible alternative alignment options for the segment of the trail going through that City. It was suggested that BPAC hold off on a specific recommendation for that segment until the Millbrae study and conclusions are available.

Chairman Alfano MOVED the approval of the recommendations of the subcommittee for specific comments on the BART/SamTrans Bikeway Project with the amendment that the report should only state the issues identified in the Millbrae segment and no specific

recommendation. BPAC will review this segment again after the study done by Millbrae has been completed. Committee Member Barnes SECONDED. MOTION PASSD unanimously.

5. Update on the development of the C/CAG website.

Staff reported that it will be approximately two more months before the website is operational. The initial design of the site was not acceptable and is being redone. Additional assistance on the design is now being provided as part of an award received by C/CAG from the Federal Environmental Protection Agency.

6. Schedule of site visits for potential TDA projects.

The site visits have been scheduled for all day on Saturday, February 1, 2003. Due to the large number of applications received, it will not be possible to visit every site in a single day. After discussion it was decided that the BPAC meeting where presentations will be made and the projects scored (February 27th) will begin early (6:00 p.m.) and C/CAG will provide dinner for the BPAC members.

7. Bike maps.

Staff reported that there are 6,000 to 8,000 bike maps still in storage at Barclays. The maps will eventually become dated and should be put out in distribution. The following suggestions were provided on what to do about the maps.

- For future printings of an updated map, consider putting it on a laminated card that can be easily carried by bicyclists.
- A reminder should be sent out to companies about the availability of the maps.
- Some maps should be provided to the California State AAA for distribution.
- Some maps should be placed in the bicycle car of CalTrain.

Committee Member Coleman MOVED to recommend that the C/CAG Board buy back the maps that are in storage and request that staff develop options for its distribution. Consideration should also be given to putting the map on the C/CAG web site when it is up and running. Committee Member Hershman SECONDED. MOTION PASSD unanimously.

8. Update on the “Bridge to Nowhere” at Whipple Road in Redwood City.

Staff reported that this bridge was built before 1989 by Redwood City. It was constructed before any path or connectors because limited funds were available and it was the most expensive part of a larger project. Unfortunately the larger project was never built. It has the potential of becoming a part of the Bay Trail; however it is anticipated that there will be difficulty getting permits to go through some of the sensitive wetlands surrounding the bridge.

9. Update on the “Rubberized Railroad Crossing” project.

Staff reported that in 1994 \$3.5 million was allocated to construct rubberized railroad crossings at four locations in each of Menlo Park, Redwood City, San Mateo, and Burlingame. CalTrans had estimated the cost to be \$33,000 per crossing. The actual cost was over \$500,000 each. Eleven have been completed. Some were rubberized and others were done in concrete.

10. Member Communications.

None.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE - February 27, 2003.